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OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Sonia Lewis
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request from EPA-2023-003891; Interim Response No. 1

Dear Ms. Lewis,

1. SUMMARY OF REQUEST

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted April 24, 2023, related to tire crumb rubber field research.

2. DISPOSITION

Partial Grant / Partial Denial

3. DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS

One thousand two hundred sixty-five records responsive to your request were included in the responses provided to FOIA nos. EPA-HQ-2016-009821, EPA-HQ-2017-003761 and EPA-2022-005469. When the records were not released in full, redactions were applied, considering the foreseeable harm standard, pursuant to Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) (Statutory), Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) (Confidential Business Information), Exemption 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) (Deliberative Process Privilege) and/or Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (Personal Privacy.) The released records are available for download from FOIAonline under these FOIA Request numbers.

In light of these already publicly available records, the Agency will require clarification as to any additional records you may seek and will reach out to you via a separate communication to discuss any further requirements under this FOIA request.

4. COST INFORMATION

There are no costs associated with this interim response.

5. APPEAL RIGHTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the EPA's National FOIA Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2310A), Washington, DC 20460. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., WJC-N Building, Room 7309C, Washington, DC 20460.

Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax: (202) 741-5769. For all media inquiries, please contact press@epa.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Ms. Rebecca Clausen, ORD National FOIA Officer, at clausen.rebecca@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director
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